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SOUTHERN A. M. A. WORKERS' THANKSGIVING.

The years have many decades told,
The earth has oft her circuit rolled,
Since first our great fore fathers true,
In this, their western home so new,
A day of thanksgiving set apart
In which the praise of each true heart
Should to the God of nations rise
A savor of sweet sacrifice.
Yearly have come in joyous mirth
Back to the roof where they had birth
The children scattered far or near,
To greet again the kindred dear,
And there lift grateful heart and voice
To him who bids us all rejoice,
And each one blessed in varied ways
Offers a sacrifice of praise.
To-day in many homes afar,
Where higher shines the Northern star,
Are gathered round the home fireside
Loved ones who erst were scattered wide
They each to each their joys recount
Their cause of thanks, till like a fount
Full to o'er-flow the hearts pure joy
To utter forth must song employ,
We too in this much lov'd "Home"
From east and west and north have come
And though we vainly seek to trace
The lines of each familiar face,
We used to see around the board,
Our joys and thanks we will not hoard,
But utter forth our gladsome praise
To Him whose love still guides our ways,
For day and night, for shade and shine,
For human friend and friend divine,
For health and strength, for life and love,
For earthly home and home above,
For sunny day and dew and rain,
For springing blade and ripened grain,
For all these things our thanks we give
To Him in whom we move and live.
But most of all that he should gra
To us, of every grace in want,
The power to serve in doing good,
To those of His great brother-hood
Who have because of other's greed,
Been left in case of sorest need,
With none to help or in His name
Kindle in them the sacred flame
Of love for them, a holy fire,
That shall consume each low desire.
For power to serve in Christs' own name
Though all the world may ours defame,
For strength from duty not to swerve,
Through love of Him, whom thus we serve,
We gladly join the lengthening ranks,
And voice our deep and heartfelt thanks.

THE FISK JUBILEE SINGERS.

From the MELBORNE DAILY TELEGRAPH.

The Fisk Jubilee Singers have returned to Melbourne after a thirteen months' tour through Australia, and Mr. Loudin, the musical director, says the singers will open here on Thursday next, the sixteenth anniversary of the organization of the choir at Fisk University.

Mr. Loudin is an enthusiastic believer in the future of the African race. Wherever he goes he inquires with keen interest into the conditon of the colored races. In Australia he speaks of a visit paid to the Maloga mission station with loving recollections. "I shall never forget," he says, "the effect of your singing there." "The aborigines were at first very shy of us, but when they heard us sing, they went into a state I can only describe

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EDITORIAL.

THE rules of Jubilee Hall are posted where one can see them; would it not be an excellent plan to have the same done in Livingstone? As it is the verdant student has to break all the rules to find out what they are.

One effect of the meeting of the W. C. T. U. in this city should certainly be to inspire the young women of Fisk with an ambition for a noble and useful womanhood. The Age of Woman is surely dawning, and we hope the ladies will take the tide at the flood.

THE inauguration of an Inter-collegiate Orational contest between the three Negro institutions of the city is an experiment which we sincerely hope will be successful. There are perhaps many arguments against such a plan, but it is on the whole doubtless a step in the right direction. We hope the best talent will be selected, and a creditable showing made.

OVER half of the $1,000 the students wished to raise in the city for the gymnasium has been subscribed, and the remainder will undoubtedly be raised. The gymnasium will be no inconsiderable attraction for Fisk to offer to new students. Now comes the question of naming it. Who will give us a handsome donation and allow us the pleasure of naming it after him?

THERE seems to be a misunderstanding as to who is to furnish the reading matter for the HERALD. Often there are complaints that it is not "interesting" enough. Now, dear reader, if you do not like the matter just write us an essay that is interesting and you will recieve not only the Editor's heartfelt thanks but thanks of every reader of the paper. There is not such a luxurious growth of ideas in this sanctum as there might be, and considering the great drafts made upon these every month it is not surprising that it should be uninteresting. Now fellow-students this is your paper and we want you to write for it. Don't ask an invitation, just hand in the essay. We are sure there is much literary talnight in the University and the HERALD wants to bring it to light.